

## ***URBAN INDIAN EDUCATION FORUM***

Welcome from the Montana Indian Education Association

Dear MIEA Members and Friends:

The Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA) invites you to join them at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana, **for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Urban Indian Education Forum on Thursday, April 7, 2011.** This is a pre-conference to the regular MIEA Conference which is scheduled for April 7-10, 2011. The Theme of this year's conference is "Meeting the Challenge for American Indian Educational Reform."

MIEA is particularly excited about additions to the annual conference this year. MIEA will be offering two new Conference Strands: **1) A Parent Strand** and **2) The Urban Indian Education Forum**. The Urban Indian Education Forum provides an opportunity for a targeted dialog around American Indian students who are attending schools in Montana's urban/off-reservation communities. 96% of American Indian students in Montana are enrolled in the state's public schools and about one-half of these are in our urban schools. The intent of the Forum is to bring together school personnel, especially teachers, from Montana urban school districts to further develop the understanding of the role that culture plays in both teaching and learning. The focus of the last forum was designed to address the following question:

*"We have seen the data; we gathered some tools; now, what do we do? How will we apply what we know in process/processes that will influence a narrowing of the Native American academic achievement gap in urban school districts in Montana?"*

The MIEA Board of Directors invites you to attend the Urban Indian Education Forum and would like to encourage you to register for both and attend the MIEA Conference in its entirety. The MIEA Conference provides a variety of high quality workshops covering a variety of topics in Indian Education including; Instructional practices, Native Language Education, Legislative Issues, School Culture and Climate, Cultural Education, College and Career information and Building Effective Parent Partnerships.

Sandra Boham  
Chair, MIEA

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April 7, 2011  
Best Western Heritage Inn  
Great Falls, Montana

*Sponsors:*  
*Montana Indian Education Association*  
*Office of Public Instruction*

**Who Should Attend?** Educators in urban/off-reservation school districts in Montana, K-12 Educators, K-12 Administrators, K-12 Curriculum Specialists, Title I, Parent Committees, School Board Members, Title VII Indian Education Programs, State Legislators, Higher Education Faculty, Student Services Professionals and Administrators.

**Forum Focus:**

- American Indian Achievement Gap
- Best Practices, Research, Action Plans/Next Steps
- Montana Urban/Off-reservation School District Data (Great Falls, Billings, Helena, Missoula, Butte, Havre, Bozeman and Kalispell)

**Schedule: 7:30 a.m. (check in)**

- Thurs. April 7, 2011-7:30 am Conference check-in at Heritage Inn
- *Featured Speakers:* TBA

**REGISTRATION:**

**Option 1: Attend only the one-day Urban Indian Education Conference April 7, 2011**

There is a **\$125.00 registration fee** to attend the forum. (This includes luncheon and MIEA reception)

**Option 2: Attend both the Urban Indian Education Conference and the MIEA Conference April 7-10, 2011 Cost:**

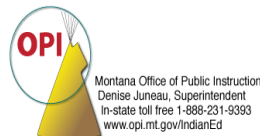
\$225 Pre-registration for both conferences (deadline is March 11, 2011)

\$250 On-site Registration for both conferences

**OPI Renewal Units will be available.**

**Contact for Information:**

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(406) 761-1900**

### **Thursday April 7, 2011 – Urban Indian Education Forum**

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| 7:30  | Registration   |
| 8:30  | Welcome: TBA   |
| 9:00  | Speaker: TBA   |
| 12:00 | Working Lunch; “Montana Urban School District American Indian Achievement Data: What the Data Tells Us”          |
| 1:00  | Meeting the Call to Action: Implementing the change; Challenges and Successes in 2010. Where do we go from here? |
| 3:00  | Closing  |
| 4:00  | Title VII Roundtable (for those who would like to participate)   |
| 6:00  | MIEA Reception: Michael Beers, Comedian (this is opening event for MIEA Conference)                              |

### **Friday April 8, 2011 – MIEA Conference**

- 7:00 MIEA Conference Registration continues
- 7:00 Breakfast begins
- 8:20 Breakfast ends
- 8:30 1<sup>st</sup> General Session – Keynote: Julie Cajune
- 10:45 Session 1 Workshops
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:30 Session 2 Workshops
- 3:00 Session 3 Workshops
- 5:00 Dinner on your own
- 6:00 Bingo

### **Saturday April 9, 2011 – MIEA Conference**

- 7:00 Breakfast begins
- 8:20 Breakfast ends
- 8:30 2<sup>st</sup> General Session – Keynote: Mary Jane Oatman-Wak Wak, President NIEA
- 10:45 Session 4 Workshops
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:30 Session 5 Workshops
- 5:00 Awards Banquet

### **Sunday April 10, 2011 – MIEA Conference**

- 7:00 Breakfast on your own
- 8:30 3<sup>rd</sup> General Session – MIEA Business Meeting, Resolutions, Reports
- 11:00 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana Indian Education Conference Closed

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### **Registration Form**

**Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees: Please check which you will be registering for**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Option 1: Attend only the one-day Urban Indian Education Forum**

**April 7, 2011**

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\$225 Pre-registration fee for the Forum and MIEA conference (deadline for pre-registration is March 11, 2011)

\$250 On-site Registration for the Forum and MIEA conference

**PAYMENT: Please check payment method you will use:**

( ) Check enclosed Amount \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Money Order enclosed Amount \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Purchase Order\* Amount \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: Add \$25.00 handling fee to all purchase orders.

**Return Completed Registration Form and Registration Fees payable to MIEA (checks, PO's and cash accepted) to:**

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***Sorry, No Refund on Registration Fees (substitution registrations are allowed)***